WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

        comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

        visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of said comparing.

2.   The document information management method according to claim 1, wherein upon receipt of a request from said terminal for storing in the region storing therein said document similar in content, a document under said request for registration is registered to said region.

3.   A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, bibliographic information of the document with bibliographic information of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in bibliographic information as a result of said comparing.

4.   A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, organization information of a registrant of the document with organization information of a registrant of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in organization information as a result of said comparing.

5.   A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of

documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus while designating one from among a plurality of regions under hierarchical management, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document being presently registered in the designated region; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information of a document similar in content being registered in said designated region as a result of said comparison.

6.   A document information management method for use in a management apparatus with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, upon input of a request for registration of a document, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

outputting relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.

7.   A management apparatus with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said apparatus comprising:

means for comparing, in response to receipt
of a document registration request from said terminal,
a content of the document with a content of a presently
registered document; and

means for sending to said terminal relevant
information with correspondence to a region for storage
of a document similar in content as a result of the
comparison.

8.   A document information management system
including a management apparatus with a plurality of
documents registered and classified into a plurality of
regions and a terminal connected to said management
apparatus via a network, said system comprising:

means for comparing, in response to receipt
of a document registration request from said terminal
to said management apparatus, a content of the document
with a content of a presently registered document; and

means for visually displaying at said
terminal relevant information with correspondence to a
region for storage of a document similar in content as
a result of the comparison.

9.   A document information management program for
use in a management apparatus being connected via a
network to a terminal with a plurality of documents
registered and classified into a plurality of regions,
said program comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a
document registration request from said terminal to

said management apparatus, a content of the document
with a content of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant
information with correspondence to a region for storage
of a document similar in content as a result of the
comparison.

10.   The document information management program
according to claim 9, wherein upon receipt of a request
from said terminal for storing in the region for
storage of said document similar in content, a document
under said registration request is registered to said
region.

11.   A document information management program for
use in a management apparatus being connected via a
network to a terminal with a plurality of documents
registered and classified into a plurality of regions,
said program comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a
document registration request from said terminal to
said management apparatus, bibliographic information of
the document with bibliographic information of a
presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant
information with correspondence to a region for storage
of a document similar in bibliographic information as a
result of the comparison.

12.   A document information management program for
use in a management apparatus being connected via a

network to a terminal with a plurality of documents
registered and classified into a plurality of regions,
said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a
document registration request from said terminal to
said management apparatus, organization information of
a registrant of the document with organization
information of a registrant of a presently registered
document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant
information with correspondence to a region for storage
of a document similar in organization information as a
result of the comparison.

13. A document information management program for
use in a management apparatus being connected via a
network to a terminal with a plurality of documents
registered and classified into a plurality of regions,
said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to issuance of a
document registration request from said terminal to
said management apparatus while designating a folder
within a plurality of folders, a content of the
document with a content of a document being presently
registered to the designated folder; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant
information with correspondence to a region for storage
of a document being similar in content and being
registered to said designated folder as a result of the

comparison.

14.   A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to issuance of a document registration request from said terminal, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

sending to said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.